GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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DISTRIBUTION OF FOODGRAINS THROUGH PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of wheat, rice, sugar and other foodgrains in metric tonnes being distributed through Public Distribution System in the country;

(b) the production of foodgrains in the country in metric tonne; and

(c) the quantum of foodgrains exported to the foreign countries by India during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): Government of India is allocating 13,90,004 MT of rice and 9,87,187 MT of wheat per month to States/UTs for distribution to families living below the poverty line (BPL), above thepoverty line (APL) and Antyodaya families under Public Distribution System (PDS).A quantity of 216130 MTs of levy sugar per month and 99950 MTs of levy sugar as annual festival quota is allotted to States/UTs for distribution under PDS.

(b): The production of foodgrains in India during 2000-2001 was 195.07 millioin Metric tones as per advance estimates.

(c): Government of India has exported 34.50 lakh MTs of wheat and 2.51 lakh MTs of rice from Central Pool during the current year till 31.10.2001. India`s export of foodgrains including pulses, rice, wheat and other cereals was to the tune of 16,26,967 MTs from April to August 2001.